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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OHNO ET AL.

Examiner

KARUNA P. REDDY

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/86)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Note that claim 1 appears in all the groups listed below since it is generic to the claimed curable composition.

- i. Group I, claim(s) 1-3 and 9-25, drawn to curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable silyl group and surface tack modifier.
- ii. Group II, claim(s) 1-2, 4 and 9-25, drawn to curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable alkenyl group and surface tack modifier.
- iii. Group III, claim(s) 1-2, 5 and 9-25, drawn to curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable hydroxyl group and surface tack modifier.
- iv. Group IV, claim(s) 1-2, 6 and 9-25, drawn to curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable amino group and surface tack modifier.

- v. Group V, claim(s) 1-2, 7 and 9-25, drawn to curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable polymerizable C=C bond and surface tack modifier.
 - vi. Group VI, claim(s) 1-2, 8 and 9-25, drawn to curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable epoxy group and surface tack modifier.
2. The inventions listed as Groups I to VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The technical features that are common to groups I to VI include a curable composition comprising poly(meth)acrylate having at least one crosslinkable functional group and a surface tack modifier having a melting point between 30°C and 200°C at 1 atm. These features are taught by the prior art of Bandou et al (US 7,135,518 B2). Specifically, attention is drawn to a curable composition comprising (meth)acrylate polymer having a crosslinkable functional group (col. 7, lines 51-54), and composition further comprises at least one compound selected from amide having a melting point of 40 to 75°C (col. 3, lines 32-36). Therefore, since the common technical feature of claims belonging to groups I to VI fail to contribute over 7,135,518 B2, they fail to constitute a special technical feature and hence there is lack of unity between the cited groups.
3. Furthermore, this application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In

particular, the surface tack modifier is deemed to be generic and applicant is requested to elect a species for said surface tack modifier.

The species are as follows:

- i. Aliphatic hydrocarbon compound.
- ii. Aliphatic carboxylic acid compound.
- iii. Aliphatic alcohol.
- iv. Aliphatic carboxylic acid ester compound.
- v. Aliphatic carboxylic acid amide compound.
- vi. Natural wax.
- vii. Organic polymer, which itself encompasses the listed species.
 1. polyethylene and polypropylene
 2. polystyrene
 3. polydiallyl phthalate
 4. polycarbonate
 5. polyether
 6. polyester
 7. thermoplastic resin

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include

all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

4. It is noted that no telephone communication was made since the requirement for restriction is complex. See MPEP § 812.01 [R-3].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KARUNA P. REDDY whose telephone number is (571)272-6566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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